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Candidate demands apology after MP spouts obscenities

POLITICS

In a video posted to Vine, Pat Martin is heard swearing at Don Woodstock

Elisha Dacey
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A Green Party candidate for Winnipeg Centre is demanding an apology after he claims the sitting MP deliberately "jabbed his ribs" and called him names.

"I demand an apology from the NDP MP for his behaviour last night," said Don Woodstock in a statement sent to media Thursday. "I couldn't believe it. Pat Martin, the incumbent, elbowed me in the ribs, and called me a 'f—g p—k.'

"I am not the only one who saw it, we have video evidence, and a young reporter with alternative media came up to me after the debate and told us he had seen and heard it, too."

Don Woodstock
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In a post made to Vine and shared widely in Winnipeg social media circles, Pat Martin can be seen and heard swearing at the candidate.

"Son of a b—h. You son of a b—h," Martin says while sitting behind a microphone at Portage Place during the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ association's debate about downtown issues.

Martin made the comments after Woodstock and Liberal candidate Robert Falcon Ouellette accused him of not truly living in the riding.

Metro Winnipeg sponsored and columnist Shannon VanRaes moderated the debate.

Woodstock said he has sent a letter to NDP leader Thomas Mulcair asking for Martin's removal.

Martin was not immediately available for comment.

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Neechi Commons slashes prices

FIRST NATIONS VENTURE

Store to hold BBQ in parking lot on Saturday

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

A grocery store in Winnipeg's food desert has come up with a new way to meet customers.

Neechi Commons, which sits just north of Main Street and Higgins Avenue, decided to be bold about three weeks ago and slash their prices on beef, chicken and pork by 30 to 50 per cent, and the experiment has paid off with daily sales records.

This came at a time where the price of meat is skyrocketing in bigger chains, said Kelly Edwards, Neechi Commons Sales and Marketing Co-ordinator.

"We opened this store in what was really a food desert because the area was so underserved," said Edwards, adding when the store opened they found the best way to compete with large retailers and survive was to offer specialty aboriginal foods.

"It is very hard to find an aboriginal grocery store anywhere in Canada, so that's how we differentiated ourselves."

Edwards said the idea to slash prices on meat was not only another way to try to boost sales, but to also put fresh, affordable food on local customers' radar.

Sales and marketing co-ordinator Kelly Edwards and meat department manager Gilbert Kohlman show off some of the meat the shop has drastically discounted. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

The store has not only sold record quantities of meat, but of many other products as well, including produce and dry goods.

Edwards said prices won't go back up, and the store's success has far-reaching effects on the community.

"We offer affordable prices in this neighbourhood, and we try to hire people exclusively from the neighbourhood, and a large number of employees are aboriginal.

"So if we do well, it's a boost for this area."

Neechi Commons will hold a Meet the Meat Manager BBQ in the parking lot at 865 Main St. this Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to promote their new prices. Hotdogs, drinks and chips will be available at the BBQ for $2.

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OSBORNE VILLAGE

Historic homes set to be demolished

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Two century-old homes in the Osborne Village area are one step closer to meeting the wrecking ball.

Four buildings on Roslyn Street, directly behind the Osborne Village Safeway, are slated for demolition to make way for a proposed seven-storey, 78-unit apartment building.

Two of the homes that would be demolished are more than 100 years old, with the Dennistoun House at 166 Roslyn St. being built back in 1908, and the home at 176 Roslyn St. being built in 1909.

> **I think we should be trying to keep the older character.**
> Madison Hadlow

The city stripped Dennistoun House of historic designation back in 2009.

"I think it's ridiculous," said Madison Hadlow, 20, last week in an interview with Metro.

"These are magnificent looking homes, and I think we should be trying to keep the older character look in this area, and now we are losing two more character homes."

On Wednesday night the city centre community committee approved the developer's application, but the plan still has to go through city council.

The caretaker of the buildings told Metro they are both in a state of disrepair, so he thinks it's OK if they go.

The caretaker, who would not give his name, said both the buildings have serious foundation problems, with one having a crack in the foundation, and said one of the buildings collects significant water in the basement anytime it rains.

Madison Hadlow, in front of 176 Roslyn St., does not want to see more character homes come down to make way for high-rise apartments buildings. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Winnipeg police said Thursday they'll start moving to their new downtown location a day before the winter solstice. METRO FILE

Police scramble to announce HQ move-in

LAW ENFORCEMENT

After awkward back and forth with media, Dec. 21 set

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

More than a year after a flood stopped Winnipeg police from moving into their new headquarters — just as they were supposed to start packing their wagons — we now know when the long-awaited move may actually start.

But not before a whole lot of confusion.

At the start of the day Thursday, Jeff Dibley from the municipal accommodations department, told members of the city's finance committee the building will be ready to hand over to police on Dec. 15 — technically making the "late fall" target they were aiming for — but as to when police would actually move, Dibley said that was a question for police.

Calls to police were initially directed back to the city, which were passed back to police, before a release from police around 2 p.m. proclaimed the big day as Dec. 21.

"I can't help but note that December 22 is the winter solstice, the official beginning of a new season," said Chief Devon Clunis, in the release. "It appropriately opens the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Winnipeg Police Service."

$210 M

Cost of headquarters project over last six years

Police said the migration would happen on a "staggered basis" and Dibley told committee members the move should take six to eight months to complete.

In a scrum a couple hours before police released the date and after grilling Dibley for a date, finance chair Coun. Marty Morantz said he was "as frustrated as every citizen.

"I just wanted to know what the date was," he said. "After so many years, and so much taxpayers dollars going into the project, people of Winnipeg want to know when the police are moving in."

Police were originally supposed to move into the new building last summer but flooding during a heavy rainstorm postponed the date.

Meanwhile RCMP continue a "full investigation" into the headquarters project, which has ballooned in cost from $136.5 million to $210 million over the last six years.

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Coun. Marty Morantz, the finance chairman, speaks to media Thursday. He wouldn't say if he thinks the reserve fleet should be boosted. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Engine parts blamed for bus schedule cuts

TRANSIT

Director says more than 100 city vehicles affected

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

The director of Winnipeg Transit blames the service's recent cut to its fall scheduling on a batch of bad buses it bought from New Flyer Industries within the last five years.

The problem, Wardrop told Thursday's finance committee meeting, is faulty emission control units found in more than 100 buses built with Cummins diesel engines.

He told media that just shy of 100 buses were off the road for maintenance as of Thursday morning, and of those, 57 were waiting to have engines rebuilt as result of the problem.

"If we hadn't been encountering the emissions control problems to the extent that we have, we would have been able to meet the original fall schedule," he said.

"We did have an ongoing problem … then we had a spike heading into the fall schedule time that was severe enough to recognize that we had been overly ambitious with our expectations."

Transit started seeing the issue between 12 and 18 months ago, according to Wardrop, who said they'd been able to manage it with overtime, but that changed when employees started a job action last spring.

"That got us into a bit of a deficit situation in terms of our maintenance," he said.

Wardrop said Winnipeg Transit is not the only bus service experiencing problems with the Cummins engines, but notes other cities have been able to keep up with the maintenance because most have nearly twice as many buses in their spare fleet.

The finance chairman, Coun. Marty Morantz, wouldn't say whether or not he thinks the city should boost Transit's reserve bus fleet.

"Every municipality is unique," he said.

Wardrop said Transit currently has 473 buses on the road, which is 40 less than they'd originally scheduled for their fall routes.

TECHNOLOGY

Smart-card launch gets delayed again

Winnipeg Transit riders are going to have to wait until early next year before a swipe of a card replaces the process of digging around for change.

Winnipeg Transit director Dave Wardrop told members of the city's finance committee Thursday that testing on the long-awaited smart-card fare system — which will replace printed passes and bus tickets with a refillable plastic card — found a number of software and hardware problems that need to be fixed before it goes live.

The $18-million system was originally supposed to start in September 2013.

"There's a number of technical issues that we've experienced," said Wardrop outside the meeting. "We again are working with the contractor to resolve those."

Problems include the electronic readers needing to be reset by bus operators and cards themselves that weren't loading fares properly.

> **"There's a number of technical issues that we've experienced.**
> Dave Wardrop

Wardrop said transit properties in other cities have experienced similar problems with the system, which has led some municipalities to cancel the project all together.

Wardrop said Winnipeg Transit isn't considering that option yet but is withholding payment on unfulfilled components of the project until the problems are resolved.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO
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Winnipeg Transit director Dave Wardrop speaks to media at city hall Thursday, after pushing the launch of Transit's new fare system back until early 2016. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Margaret Day of Assiniboine Credit Union and Darryl Loewen of Access Credit Union. METRO FILE

Credit union merger nixed

BANKING

Would have created largest in the province

For the second time this year, a bid to merge two large Manitoba credit unions has failed.

Members of Access Credit Union voted Wednesday against a proposal to join forces with Assiniboine Credit Union.

About 4,500 of Access's 42,000 eligible voting members cast ballots, but nearly 62 per cent said no to the merger.

Five months ago, just over 700 Access members voted 63.2 per cent in favour, but the resolution needed a two-thirds majority, or 66.67 per cent, to pass.

Had the proposal been supported, the new entity would have been the largest credit union in Manitoba and the sixth largest in Canada.

A vote by Assiniboine members scheduled for next Monday has been cancelled.

Access members in eight communities, including Altona, Carman, Grunthal, Morden, Morris, Oak Bluff, Vita and Winkler, cast ballots Wednesday.

Darryl Loewen, board chairman at Access, said he is disappointed with the outcome.

"While as a board we firmly believed the merger would make two strong credit unions stronger in the face of a rapidly changing financial sector, our members felt otherwise."

Access Credit Union has 17 branches, 260 employees and more than $2 billion in assets under administration.

Assiniboine has 112,806 members, 520 employees and 19 branches in Winnipeg, as well as a branch each in Gillam and Thompson.

Assiniboine's annual report for 2014 shows the institution had assets totalling $3.8 billion.

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INVESTIGATION

Manitoba man charged with '85 murder

Manitoba RCMP have charged a man with murder in a 30-year-old homicide case.

Michael Kalanza, who was 80, disappeared from Faulkner in 1985.

His remains were found by a group of high school students on a field trip to a quarry about 200 km northwest of Winnipeg in 1997.

DNA tests confirmed the remains were those of Kalanza and a team of anthropologists helped in the investigation.

Mounties say the RCMP Historical Case Unit arrested Lee Norman Pischke, who is 50, on Tuesday and charged him with second-degree murder.

Police say they arrested a second man from Winnipeg, but he has been released and the investigation continues.

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Michael Kalanza's remains were found in 1997. HANDOUT

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SUPPORT

Province funding relief, settlement programs

The Manitoba government promised money for Syrian refugees Thursday — up to $1.4 million for relief overseas and support programs for those who make it to the province.

Premier Greg Selinger announced an immediate infusion of $200,000 for non-profit groups delivering aid to Syrians on the front lines.

Other money will be available for settlement programs and social services for refugees once they are in Manitoba. The services would include health-care programs, which have been cut for refugees by the federal government, Selinger said.

"The federal government decided not to provide them health-care benefits. We are going to provide them, through our universal health care system, (and) support in schools, support in finding a job and settling in our community."

Tarek Habash, co-founder of the Syrian Assembly of Manitoba, speaks at Thursday's announcement that the government is pledging more money for Syrian refugees. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Selinger recently announced $40,000 to help churches and non-profit groups sponsor refugees from Syria, and has called on the federal government to boost refugee numbers so that Manitoba can double the 1,500 refugees a year it currently accepts.

Robert Granke, executive director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, said his group has been on the ground in and around Syria since 2012. He said the additional money announced Thursday will mean more shipments of humanitarian supplies to the growing masses of refugees.

"It's included things like provision of food vouchers, renovations of shelters in host communities, provisions of essentials like hygiene kits and heaters, as well as shipments of blankets, sweaters and school kits."

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REVIEW

Mountie won't face charges

An RCMP officer who shot and wounded a man on a baseball field at a northern Manitoba First Nation last year will not be charged.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, which conducted a review of the incident at the request of the Manitoba government, announced its findings on Wednesday.

Evan Cromarty, 21, was shot in the shoulder as he was chased by Mounties at the Norway House Cree Nation on July 20, 2014.

ASIRT executive director Sue Hughson says the person who called police about Cromarty said he always had a gun on him, and that the officer fired his service weapon fearing that Cromarty was reaching for a gun.

A search of Cromarty after the shooting found only a cellphone and wallet in his pocket.

Hughson says Manitoba's Crown reviewed all of the evidence and concluded there was no reasonable likelihood of conviction.

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Homes plagued with problems: Officials

PEGUIS FIRST NATION

Several houses built after 2011 flood not up to livable standard

The housing director for a Manitoba First Nation says several new houses purchased for families that lost everything in the 2011 flood have been plagued by problems.

Tina McCorrister of the Peguis First Nation says 37 prefabricated homes were bought from an American company at a cost of almost $3.5 million.

But she says mould was discovered in seven of the houses right away because they had not been properly wrapped for transport to Peguis.

She says the houses had to be stripped to the studs and that's when the band discovered the insulation, electrical wiring and structural integrity were not up to a livable standard.

Upon inspecting the other 30 modular homes, officials with Peguis First Nation discovered they had similar problems.

The First Nation is now considering legal action against the company that built the 37 homes.

The construction company could not be reached for comment.

Nineteen families had already moved into the houses when the issues were discovered.

McCorrister says it could cost $5,000 to $10,000 per month to find temporary accommodations for each of those families.

Albert and Cheryl Sutherland and their family of 10 have been living in a motorhome since their pre-fabricated house was deemed uninhabitable after they moved in about a year ago.

That's on top of the six hotels and three rental homes they have lived in since their original home was severely damaged in the 2011 flood.

"They took us out of a mouldy home, we were evacuated for three years before we came back home, and we move home to a mouldy home," said Cheryl Sutherland.

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We were evacuated for three years before we came back home, and we move home to a mouldy home.
Cheryl Sutherland

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HALIFAX

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Halifax police are asking the public for help in gathering more evidence in the homicide of Truro, N.S., police Const. Catherine Campbell.

At a news conference Thursday morning, Supt. Jim Perrin announced charges of second-degree murder and indecent interference with a dead human body against 27-year-old Christopher Calvin Garnier. He said police are not looking for any other suspects.

Perrin said police believe Campbell was murdered in the early morning hours of Sept. 11, and that Garnier moved a green bin later that morning.

They're asking for anyone who saw a white man in a T-shirt and shorts pushing or pulling a green bin on Agricola, North or Barrington Streets around 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 to call police or Crime Stoppers.

"We believe that there was evidence in the green bin," he said. "I can't get into the particulars of what that evidence was."

Perrin also would not say if police had found the green bin in their searches, only that they'd "seized copious amounts of evidence as part of this investigation."

Police could be seen Thursday afternoon near the Macdonald Bridge continuing their search, cutting down shrubs, scouring the area and surveying across the street.

They had searched two other locations on Wednesday: one on McCully Street in Halifax, where police believe the murder occurred, and one on Chadwick Place in Clayton Park where the accused lives.

Perrin would not elaborate on Garnier's connection to the McCully Street property, or why it's believed the murder happened there.

He said Garnier and Campbell met at a downtown Halifax bar earlier that night, but he could not say if Campbell showed up with friends, or went there to meet someone, just that police had confirmed the two were in the same bar that evening.

> **We seized copious amounts of evidence as part of this investigation.**
> Supt. Jim Perrin

When asked to explain the charge of indecent interference with a dead human body, Perrin said it covers "a wide array of violations that could occur."

"We've laid that charge because of the cavalier way that Ms. Campbell's body was disposed of," he said.

Campbell's remains were found at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday on Barrington Street, underneath a ramp leading up to the Macdonald Bridge.

Just over an hour later, at 1:20 a.m., police pulled over a vehicle in Clayton Park and arrested a 27-year-old man.

Christopher Garnier is escorted by sheriffs into a Halifax provincial courtroom on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Parents drop fight to treat baby with cannabis oil

Parents of a severely ill baby girl in British Columbia have dropped a court action seeking greater control of her care, including the right to treat her with cannabis oil.

Justin Pierce and Michelle Arnold withdrew their application to share custody of their five-month-old daughter with B.C.'s Ministry of Children and Family Development on Wednesday.

The parents' lawyer, Erin Haupt, says Mary Jane Pierce has been breathing on her own without a ventilator for two weeks.

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Quebec wants bolder greenhouse-gas cuts

Quebec has introduced bolder targets for reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions by 2030.

Environment Minister David Heurtel said Thursday he wants emissions cut by 37.5 per cent when compared with 1990 levels. Public consultations will take place this fall.

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Harper and Mulcair score

LEADERS' DEBATE

Trudeau fails to deliver during feisty ideas exchange

Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

This was the debate performance Stephen Harper probably wanted to have. This was the debate performance Tom Mulcair probably needed to have. This was the debate performance Justin Trudeau probably wants to have back.

The Globe and Mail leaders' debate might have been the ultimate test of who could talk over each other the loudest. Moderator David Walmsley, the newspaper's editor-in-chief, had about as much authority over the leaders as the referee in a professional wrestling match. He lost control early on and never got it back. All the cross talk made it difficult to hear the leaders at times. It was a far cry from the relative civility of the earlier Maclean's debate.

Here's my scorecard on the leaders' debate performances:

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Conservative Leader Stephen Harper are seen at various points during Thursday's Globe and Mail leaders' debate in this photo illustration. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Harper

The challenge

The Conservative leader went into this debate buoyed by Finance Department numbers showing the government had a $1.9-billion surplus for 2014-15 instead of a predicted shortfall. It put an end to a streak of six straight years of gradually shrinking deficits under the Harper government. The surprise surplus also let Harper change the channel on some of the other issues — most recently, the government's response to the Syrian refugee crisis and news coming out of the Mike Duffy trial — that have derailed the Conservative campaign. Harper's biggest challenge was convincing Canadians that the Conservatives are still the best party to trust to manage the economy.

The performance

Harper was clearly in his element talking about the economy. He went on the attack early, claiming the NDP's plan to hike corporate taxes would put countless people out of work. He was equally aggressive going after Trudeau over his comment that wealthy Canadians use the small business tax rate to avoid taxes. He knew when to let Trudeau and Mulcair tear into each other, and came out of this debate looking no better or worse than he did going in, which — after a campaign that hasn't gone as well as the Conservatives had hoped — can be considered a win.

Tom Mulcair

The challenge

One of the big challenges in this debate was to ease any lingering doubts about an NDP government's ability to be prudent fiscal managers (especially in Ontario. Mulcair's New Democrats have promised to balance the books in 2016-17 – but there are still lingering questions about how they would pay for all their campaign promises.

The performance

Mulcair looked much more relaxed than he did in the first leaders' debate, even cracking jokes at times. Like Harper, he knew when to attack and when to sit back and let Harper and Trudeau duke it out. He was able to fend off the Harper's attacks on the NDP's plan to raise corporate taxes to pay for a suite of new spending programs. This was the performance he needed to give to appeal to undecided voters.

Justin Trudeau

The challenge

Trudeau is the only party leader promising to run deficits of up to $10 billion for the next three years to stimulate the economy with massive spending on infrastructure. It's a risky gambit, one the Liberals hope will entice voters who see the value in spending big if it means easing traffic congestion or upgrading sewer systems. The Liberal leader also had to contend with charges from his rivals that he's not ready to be prime minister, and so this debate was a chance for him to show Canadians that he has the economic bona fides for 24 Sussex.

The performance

The style that helped Trudeau in the last debate didn't work as well in this format. His interruptions were grating in a debate that was already putting the audience's patience to the test, he spoke a mile a minute and many of his lines seemed too rehearsed. He was certainly the most animated of the leaders. But he also didn't do any grievous harm to himself, and he managed to get in a few good shots at Harper and Mulcair, so it wasn't all bad.

> **"I've never said things were great in the Canadian economy.**
> Stephen Harper

> **"Mr. Harper sees the environment and the economy as polar opposites.**
> Thomas Mulcair

> **"This is the time to invest in the future of our country. Canadians know this.**
> Justin Trudeau

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#GlibAndMale: May crashes the #elxn42 debate

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Elizabeth May: B-

Elizabeth May doesn't take 'no' for answer.

The Green party leader teamed up with Twitter to force her way into a debate she wasn't invited to yesterday.

Responding in real time, Liz was sharp in her tweeted video responses to questions on the economy. Her first response came eight minutes into the program, pumping out 25 short videos during the two-hour broadcast.

The Saanich-Gulf Islands MP directly attacked two of the Big Three leaders, criticizing the Prime Minister on his "rip and strip" resource management and Mulcair on his cap and trade carbon tax policies.

Tweets supporting May's guerilla-style debating flooded in by the hundreds during the forum, with the search term "Elizabeth May" neck and neck with the official #GlobeDebate hashtag in terms of activity.

The most shared tweets on that official hashtag were all Elizabeth May videos as of half-time. May's own parody, #GlibAndMale, started trending just a few minutes in.

Her most popular response was a video about the urgency of climate change, which had 150 retweets.

But using Twitter as your mouthpiece has its downfalls. May's videos and info-graphics couldn't get out fast enough to keep up with the live stream, and she sometimes veered off topic.

Elizabeth May records a video to be uploading to Twitter during the leaders' debate. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE ON FRIDAY

- **Stephen Harper** will be in Calgary and Toronto
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Regina
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Brentwood Bay, B.C.

Croatia reels over influx of refugees

MIGRANT CRISIS

Dozens hurt as 8,900 asylum seekers run to buses, trains

Croatia staggered Thursday as thousands of asylum seekers poured in from Serbia. Dozens were injured or trampled in a mad rush to get on the few buses and trains authorities could provide, and some police even stood behind trees to protect themselves from the melee.

The Balkan nation has suddenly become the latest hotspot in the 1,000-mile plus exodus toward Western Europe after Hungary sealed off its border Tuesday with a razor-wire fence and then used tear gas, batons and water cannons to keep the migrants out.

Croatia represents a longer and more arduous route into Europe but those fleeing violence in their homelands had little choice. Police said over 8,900 people had entered in the last two days.

After bus trips through Serbia, many migrants crossed fields on foot to enter Croatia, where dozens of police directed them to trains and buses heading to refugee centres. Authorities warned them to avoid walking in areas along the Serbian border that were still being demined from the country's 1991-95 war.

Early on things were calm, but they soon got out of control.

Hundreds of angry asylum seekers pushed through police lines in the eastern Croatian town of Tovarnik after waiting for hours in the hot sun, demanding to be allowed to move on toward Western Europe. An Associated Press photographer saw one man collapse on the ground and dozens injured.

More than 2,000 men, women and children had been stuck at the local train station for hours. When buses finally arrived, groups charged toward them, overwhelming Croatian police. The situation calmed down but some migrants moved off on foot, with police unable to stop them.

> **There is no wall you would not climb, no sea you wouldn't cross if you are fleeing violence and terror.**
>
> Dimitris Avramopoulos, migration commissioner for the European Union

Hundreds of other asylum seekers came over a Danube River bridge to the northern Croatian town of Batina after being bused there by Serbs, overwhelming the local police.

The migrants are unlikely to stay long in Croatia, where they must be registered.

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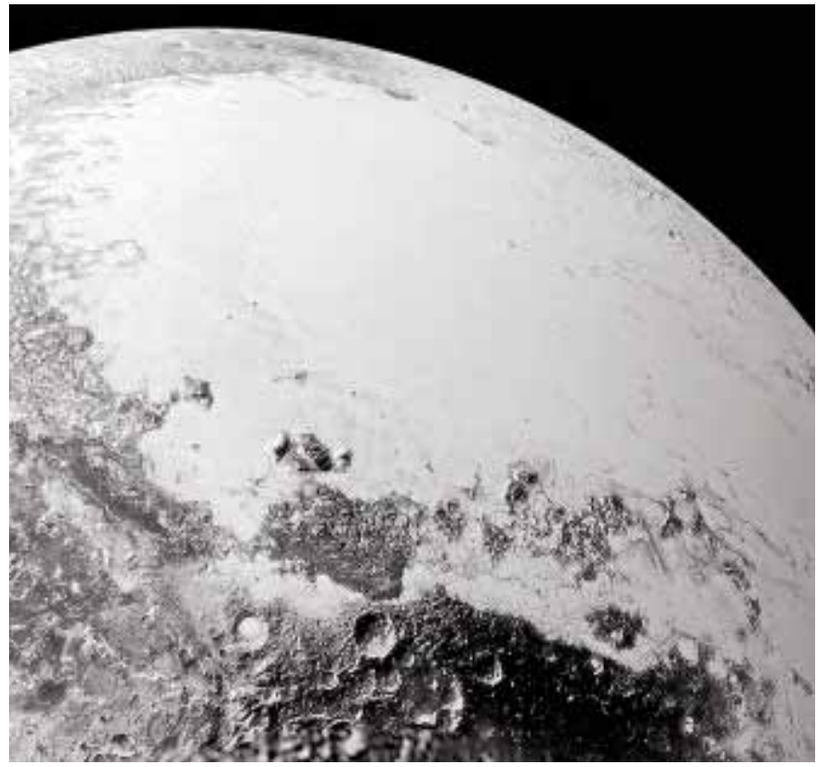

PLUTO CAN YOU HEAR ME, MAJOR TOM? The newest pictures of Pluto are so up-close and personal that the mission's top scientist says it "makes you feel you are there." Principal scientist Alan Stern says the pictures shed new light on Pluto's mountains, glaciers and plains.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Earth continues hot streak in 2015

Earth's record-breaking heat is sounding an awful lot like a broken record. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday that August, this past summer and the first eight months of 2015 all smashed global records for heat.

That's the fifth straight record hot season in a row and the fourth consecutive record hot month. Meteorologists say 2015 is a near certainty to eclipse 2014 as the hottest year on record.

Since 2000, Earth has broken monthly heat records 30 times and seasonal heat records 11 times. Scientists blame a combination of human-caused climate change and natural El Nino.

Earth broke the August record by a sixth of a degree and the summer record by a fifth of a degree. Records go back to 1880.

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IN BRIEF

UK intelligence chief warns of terrorist plots

Britain's head of domestic intelligence, Andrew Parker, has warned that the level of terrorist plotting against Britain is at its highest level in more than three decades.

Parker used a BBC Radio interview to call for new powers to monitor communications to track terror plots. He said the proliferation of new Internet technologies poses a difficult challenge.

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British media thrilled by proposed Thatcher bill

Britain is abuzz with U.S. presidential candidate Jeb Bush's suggestion that Margaret Thatcher should grace the new $10 bill. Mock-ups featuring the former prime minister feature on newspaper websites. Bush made Thatcher his choice during a Republican presidential debate.

Even the BBC couldn't resist, pasting an image of a steely-eyed Thatcher onto the bill.

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GUANTANAMO BAY

Moroccan man freed after 13 years

Another Guantanamo Bay prisoner has been released as part of the drawn-out U.S. effort to wind down and eventually close the detention centre at the U.S. base in Cuba. Younis Abdurrahman Chekkouri was sent to his native Morocco after more than 13 years in custody at Guantanamo.

His release, which followed an intensive security review and notification of Congress as required by law, was the first from the prison since June.

The human rights group Reprieve, whose lawyers represented Chekkouri while he was in U.S. custody, expressed concern that he was not immediately released upon arrival in Morocco as expected.

A representative of the organization talked with a brother of Chekkouri who reported that he "sounded OK and in good spirits," Cori Crider said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Israeli border police officers stand guard as Palestinians protest in the Old City of Jerusalem on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence returns to Jerusalem holy site

MIDDLE EAST

Jewish activists' call for 'mass visit' sparked latest tension

A rectangular hilltop compound in Jerusalem is ground zero of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, it is Islam's third holiest spot and is home to an iconic golden-domed shrine.

But to Jews it is the Temple Mount, their holiest place, and the only religious site in the world revered by Jews where Jews are explicitly forbidden to pray. This sensitive arrangement — and attempts to change it — lie at the heart of the unrest that rocked Jerusalem this week.

Growing numbers of religious Jews are paying visits to the site, feeding long-standing fears among Muslims that they intend to take over the area and build a new biblical temple, despite Israel's repeated insistence that no such plans are in the works.

In a new development, Israel has been restricting some Muslims from the compound when Jews visit. Israel says this is to reduce friction, but Palestinians fear that Israel intends to establish Muslim-free Jewish visiting hours, upsetting the fragile status quo in place since Israel captured the site in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel says it has no plans to change the status of the site and will reserve it for Muslim prayer only, but even rumours to the contrary are enough to spark unrest — or worse.

Jewish activists publicized a notice for "a mass visit to the Temple Mount" to take place on Sunday, the eve of the Jewish new year. Rumours quickly spread among Palestinians that "settlers" were plotting to take over the site.

For three days, police entered the compound to disperse Muslim protesters who had holed up in the mosque and hurled rocks, concrete blocks and firebombs at security forces.

The Israeli response was condemned across the Arab world, raising concerns that the tensions could spiral out of control.

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FLASHPOINT

Ariel Sharon ignited fury

Fifteen years ago, a visit to the compound by then Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon set off deadly violence that escalated into the second Palestinian uprising.

TERRORISM

ISIL claims Baghdad twin bombings

Two suicide bombers targeted Iraqi police checkpoints in commercial areas in central Baghdad during rush hour Thursday, killing at least 21 people, officials said. The Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL) swiftly claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Both attacks were carried out by bombers on foot, wearing explosives-laden vests, two police officers said.

One bomber struck in Baghdad's Bab al-Sharji area, killing nine civilians and three police officers there. Forty-five people were wounded in that explosion.

The second bomber hit in al-Wathba Square, killing nine people, including four policemen, and wounding 31.

Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. ISIL controls large swaths of the country's north and west after capturing Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province last year.

In a statement posted on its Twitter accounts, ISIL claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying it targeted police and Shiite paramilitary forces.

Following its blitz last year, ISIL — which splintered off from Iraq's al-Qaida branch — now holds about a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in its self-declared "caliphate."

Since the emergence of ISIL extremists, Baghdad has seen near-daily attacks, with roadside bombs, suicide blasts and assassinations targeting Iraqi forces and government officials, with significant casualties among the civilian population.

The violence has killed hundreds and displaced tens of thousands of Iraqis.

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Chile an expert in earthquakes

PREPARATION

Damage level from huge shake called relatively low

Parts of the port city of Illapel, Chile, were a disaster zone Thursday after an 8.3-magnitude quake hit off the coast, killing at least 11 people and likely causing billions in damage. Overturned cars and splintered boats sat mud next to furniture, toppled adobe homes and fishing nets tangled in trees.

The most stunning thing about Wednesday night's earthquake, however, may be the relatively low amount of havoc caused by such a powerful shake.

While the quake led more than one million to evacuate coastal areas, seismologists said Chile's heavy investment in structural reinforcement of buildings and constant refinement of its tsunami alert system helped prevent what would have been a catastrophe in less prepared nations.

"Chile has good codes and good compliance, which together have reduced the vulnerabilities of their building stock over the decades," said Richard Olson, director of Florida International University's Extreme Events Institute.

"I would rather be there in one of their cities than in many other countries in an earthquake."

Living in one of the world's most seismically active places, the Andean nation's 17 million people have little choice but to become experts in earthquakes.

The strongest earthquake ever recorded happened in Chile: a magnitude-9.5 tremor in 1960 that killed more than 5,000 people.

Wednesday's quake lasted a nerve-shattering three minutes, swayed buildings in the capital, Santiago, and prompting authorities to issue a tsunami warning for the country's entire Pacific coast.

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A woman walks past a car that was propped up in mid-air by an earthquake-triggered tsunami in the coastal town of Coquimbo, Chile, Thursday. LUIS HIDALGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Infertility breakthrough: Human sperm developed in lab

A French startup working with a top government lab said it has developed in-vitro human sperm, claiming a breakthrough in infertility treatment sought for more than a decade.

Researchers with Kallistem had announced the discovery previously, but they and French government lab CNRS described how it works for the first time Thursday.

They have developed sperm from immature cells known as spermatogonial cells, which are present in all males, including prepubescent boys, and under normal conditions develop into sperm cells once puberty starts. The technology must now be clinically tested.

Philippe Durand, the chief Kallistem researcher, said the genesis of the research was indications that male fertility was declining, which he said could be attributed to environmental factors.

The research team developed a bioreactor using a viscous fluid made partly of substances found in the walls of mushrooms or in crustacean shells to reproduce the conditions within the body.

CNRS researcher Marie-Helen Perrard said young men with cancer that could cause fertility issues would be the first type of patient who could be helped by the process.

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BY MIKE MOORE, PRESIDENT, MANITOBA HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

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IN BRIEF

Doritos rolls out chips inspired by Pride flag

Doritos unveiled bags of rainbow-coloured corn chips on Thursday in support of the It Gets Better Project, an organization started to encourage gay and lesbian teenagers who've been bullied.

Bags of Doritos Rainbows, inspired by the LGBT Pride flag, will be mailed to people who donate at least $10 US to the organization through a special website.

Frito-Lay, a division of PepsiCo based in Plano, Texas, said all of the donations will go to the It Gets Better Project.

The announcement was made just days ahead of this Sunday's Dallas Pride event, which counts Doritos among its corporate sponsors.

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Emergency fund vital, credit counsellor says

PERSONAL FINANCE

Many don't have enough for unexpected expenses

Credit counsellor Pamela George has seen clients get into trouble for want of $500 and been forced to resort to a payday loan to treat a sick pet.

Without even a small emergency fund, George says, an unexpected expense can spur "a dangerous downward spiral."

That's why George, with the Credit Counselling Society, says everyone needs an emergency fund for when they hit one of life's speed bumps like the loss of a job, urgent home repairs or other unanticipated expenses.

How much you need depends on your personal situation, but she recommends the equivalent of three to six months of your net income.

For someone earning about $50,000 a year, that means putting aside between $10,000 and $20,000.

"Start small," she said, recommending an initial target of $1,000. "Put aside $50 per paycheque, eventually that adds up to $1,000. When you've met the $1,000, say: 'Now I'm going to aim for $2,000."'

Selling things you don't need online or getting a second job may also be options to jumpstart an emergency fund.

A recent survey done for the Bank of Montreal suggested 24 per cent of Canadians have little, if anything, put aside in an emergency fund and roughly 56 per cent have less than $10,000 saved for unexpected expenses. Medical expenses, job loss, major car repairs and unexpected home repairs were cited as the top emergency concerns by those surveyed.

Increased debt, higher stress when an emergency occurs and feelings of anxiety and lack of financial stability, even when not immediately faced with emergency, were all cited as consequences of not having an emergency fund.

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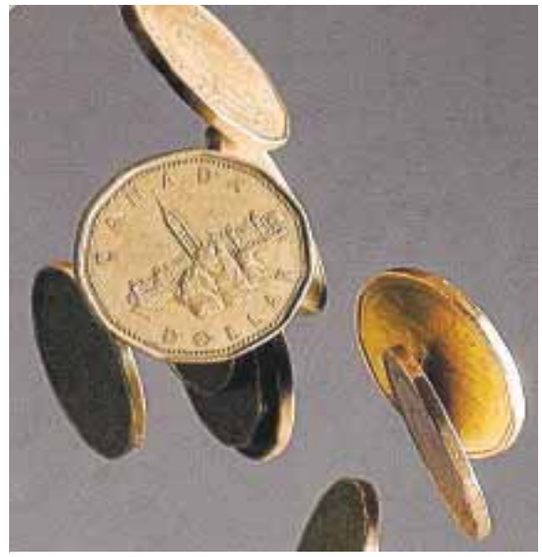

Credit expert Pamela George recommends saving three to six months of net income for unforeseen bills. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MOBILE DEVICES

Amazon undercuts Apple with $50 tablet

Amazon is dangling a $50 US tablet computer in its latest attempt to lure consumers who can't afford or don't want the more expensive Internet-connected devices made by Apple and other rivals.

The seven-inch Fire tablet unveiled Thursday marks Amazon's most aggressive attempt yet to undercut Apple, which has been the market leader since its first iPad went on sale five years ago. The least expensive iPad Mini, which has an eight-inch screen, currently sells for $270.

Amazon's $50 Fire tablet. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amazon.com Inc. isn't trying to persuade anyone that its cheap tablet matches the quality of its own sleeker, higher-priced Fire HD alternatives, let alone the top-selling iPad line.

But the Seattle company is counting on the new tablet's low price to encourage more people to buy a device that will hook them on watching video, reading books, playing games and shopping on a computer that's easy to carry wherever they go. In the process, Amazon is hoping consumers will buy more digital goods and merchandise from its store while also subscribing to its $100-per-year Prime service that offers a mix of videos, music and free shipping.

As with its previous low-priced tablets, the new Fire device will show ads on its screen saver. Avoiding the ads will cost an additional $15.

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HEALTH CARE

Apps top 165,000: Report

Smartphone users now have more than 165,000 apps available to help them stay healthy or monitor a medical condition, but just three dozen account for nearly half of all downloads, according to a new report.

Most apps focus on fitness or wellness by helping the user do things like count calories or track steps walked. Doctors and other care providers also are taking a growing interest in using apps to help patients, but concerns about a lack of research and data protection are limiting wider use of the technology, the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics said.

Even so, health app use is shifting from being a novelty to more of a core part of care for many people, said Murray Aitken, the institute's executive director.

"We're clearly moving in that direction," he said.

The institute, which sells software that ranks apps, analyzed more than 26,000 available in the United States through either Apple or Android app stores. Its analysis, released Thursday, doesn't count apps available through other venues like health care systems.

It found that the number of health-related apps for the iOS operating system used by iPhones has more than doubled in just two years to about 90,000.

Most of the apps in its study are free. The most popular, or those with more than 10 million downloads, include MyFitnessPal's Calorie Counter and an exercise tracker from Endomondo. At the other end, 40 per cent of apps available in the U.S. market have less than 5,000 downloads.

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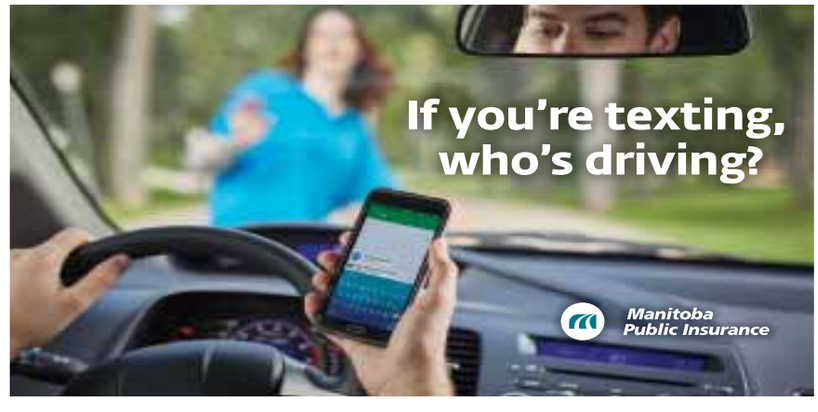

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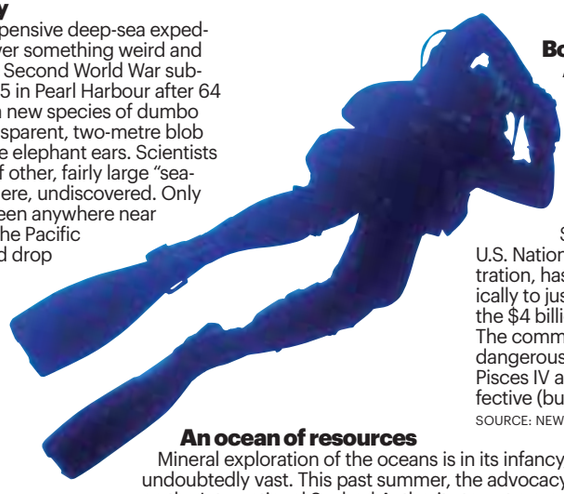
COOL SCIENCE

THE BIG THING: IS DEEP SEA THE NEXT FRONTIER?

The sea was supposed to be humanity's next great adventure. We have explored less than five per cent of the world's oceans, which contain an estimated three-quarters of a million species as yet unknown to science. Not to mention the wealth of mineral and energy resources bound to be fought over in the coming years. But interest and money for deep-sea research has dried up. Plans are in the works to send people to Mars, but we still know very little about the depths of our own planet.

Hostile territory

Every dangerous, expensive deep-sea expedition seems to uncover something weird and wonderful — like the Second World War submarine found in 2005 in Pearl Harbour after 64 years lost at sea, or a new species of dumbo octopus, a semi-transparent, two-metre blob with fins that look like elephant ears. Scientists see a solid chance of other, fairly large "sea-monsters" still out there, undiscovered. Only three people have been anywhere near the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean — a dark, cold drop of close to 11 kilometres. If not for specially designed pods they used, the pressure would have crushed them in an instant.



Bottomed out

A few years ago, science seemed on the cusp of a privately funded deep-sea exploration boom. There was James Cameron's $10-million adventure in the Western Pacific in 2012, Virgin Airlines founder Richard Branson's $17-million Virgin Oceanic submarine in 2009, and Google chairman Eric Schmidt's $40-million Deep Ocean project. The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has slashed its exploration budget dramatically to just $26 million per year (Compare that to the $4 billion NASA gets to explore space). Why? The common argument is that sea exploration is dangerous, and submarines like the Canadian-built Pisces IV are aging and being replaced by less effective (but safer), unmanned robots.

SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES

An ocean of resources

Mineral exploration of the oceans is in its infancy, but the resources — and wealth — are undoubtedly vast. This past summer, the advocacy group MiningWatch Canada called on the International Seabed Authority to put a moratorium on exploration licences for deep-sea mining — it has already given out 27 to companies around the world.

You have something to add to Canadian science

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford

This week in Calgary, a science festival called Beakerhead is smashing any preconceptions you ever had about science being boring, for nerds or for boys.

For the third year in a row, this melting pot of more than 60 events across the city shows you can find science anywhere.

One event, Late Night Labs, brings visitors into five different research labs where they make something together, such as ice cream or a silver-plated bracelet charm. Are you on a date or is it science? Both!

Another workshop, An Introduction to your Nose, helps people sniff out the science behind skin-care products and how they interact with your body.

Welcome to Canada's new science culture. It's everywhere and you're part of it.

Last year a report on science culture published by the Council of Canadian Academies found that, although overall Canada's science culture is strong relative to other countries, 72 per cent of Canadians couldn't define what a molecule was, and 49 per cent couldn't describe DNA.

Canada has gained a reputation as the country that "muzzles" publicly funded scientists, preventing them from sharing their findings and voicing their opinions freely to media.

Our country has received several international mock "awards" that call out governments for failing to act on climate change and loss of biodiversity.

You have a lot to add to this conversation.

You don't necessarily need to become an activist. But indulge your curiosity. Wonder, discover, keep asking questions. What sparks your imagination? What makes you laugh? What are you passionate about? Whatever it is, there's science in it.

The more science you understand, the better equipped you will be to make decisions for yourself, the people you care about and your country.

"No government, no corporation, no one person can write a plan for how to create a science culture because it isn't a strategy. It's a way of living and breathing and interacting. It's culture," says Mary Anne Moser, CEO and co-founder of Beakerhead.

Science museums, movies, podcasts, festivals and every other creative form of science exploration spark that Zen moment of science. Engage in science, and you'll find yours.

It's the epiphany where you see the seemingly small, seemingly meaningless thing you're doing is deeply connected with the workings of a wider world, and all its intricacies and mysteries.

It's the moment when you realize just how damn cool this is.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. This is the final edition of The Science.

The more science you understand, the better equipped you will be to make decisions for yourself, the people you care about and your country.

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I'm Chinese-Canadian, but I'm not a tiger parent. Here's why.

Catherine Little
For Metro

Would you be more impressed if your child was a gymnast or a juggler? A chess champion or a Pokémon master? A good pianist or a great gamer?

I've written before that I don't limit my 13-year-old's gaming. With fall activities about to begin, I've been thinking about the hierarchy of options and what they say about my parenting.

I consider myself a supportive mom. I try to understand what my son likes. I try not to judge what he wants to do with his spare time. I don't force him to take lessons he is not interested in.

In his case, this meant quitting choir, continuing swimming and never even starting piano. Chess and Pokémon coexisted for awhile, and his house-league baseball career began this year.

Having immigrated to Canada in the early 1970s, my parents couldn't afford extra-curricular activities for me. They were strict, but I always knew I would have whatever I needed to do well in school.

When Amy Chua's book Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom came out in 2011 — it was all about pushing her daughters to extreme levels of achievement, without much regard for the kids' wishes — I worried I wasn't pushing my son enough. If all of the other Chinese moms were parenting this way, was I being negligent? How was he going to compete with children whose screen time was limited? Why was he wasting time at sleepovers? Should I be less supportive, more authoritative?

Well, turns out there was an actual study that looked into tiger parenting. It found that children who had extremely strict, pushy parents were less well-adjusted,more alienated from their parents and felt less family obligation. The kicker: Children of tiger parents didn't even have the highest GPAs.

The researchers, writing in the Asian American Journal of Psychology in 2013, advise parents to be warm, not cold. Explain instead of yelling. Allow appropriate independence. Don't expect unquestioned obedience. And don't shame your children by comparing them to others. That's how I like to be treated.

Would I have liked my son to be a gymnast or pianist? Sure. It might have been nicer than spending my afternoons in trading card shops. Was I disappointed he wanted to stop choir? Maybe a little, but it was time. The commitment was growing. Singing had become a chore. Now, he's regaining his enjoyment. Recently he has started breaking into spontaneous song again.

Activities seem like a reasonable place for appropriate independence. My son is a great juggler, competent at chess and a soon-to-be expert gamer. We have both competed in Pokémon card tournaments. He still tells people about the time his mom beat a top-ranked player. But that's another story.

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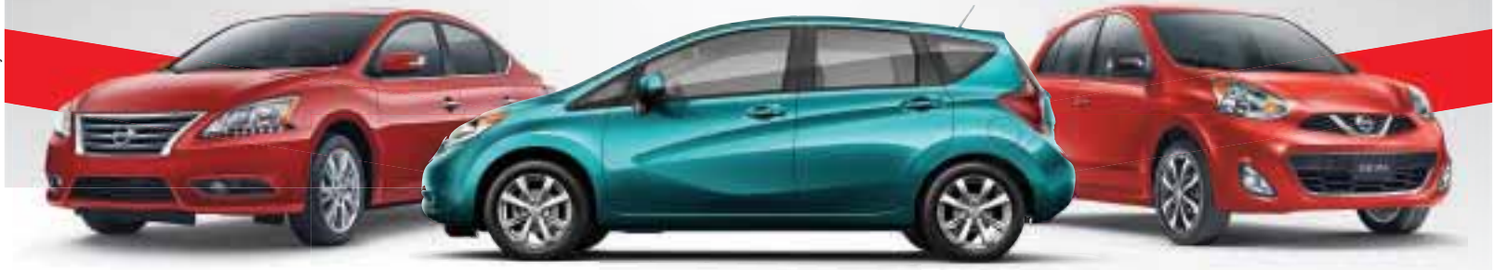

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Johnny Depp in Black Mass as psychopathic gangster Jimmy 'Whitey' Bulger, a role that has the Pirates of the Caribbean star being taken seriously again as an actor. CONTRIBUTED

Dealt a good hand as a bad guy

JOHNNY DEPP

Goodbye Jack Sparrow, hello Oscar-worthy crime boss

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Black Mass sees Johnny Depp playing Jimmy 'Whitey' Bulger, a crime lord-turned-FBI-informant who ruled South Boston and was also the inspiration for Jack Nicholson's character in The Departed.

Bulger was a community-minded cold-blooded killer. He loved his neighbourhood, kids, cats and choking people to death with his bare hands.

Depp says "a responsibility to history and truth to some degree" was very important to him going into the project.

"When you're playing someone who exists or existed," he says, "there's a tremendous kind of amount of responsibility, at least for me, no matter whether they're deemed good or bad or whatever. You have a responsibility to that person."

The 52-year-old actor's performance is already earning early Oscar buzz for the chilling authenticity he brings to a man described in the film as "ripened psychopath."

Director Scott Cooper says, "I don't think people come to narrative features for the facts, or for truth. I think you go to documentaries for that. What you do come to narrative features for is psychological truth, emotion and deep humanity. I did not want to make a film strictly about criminals who happened to be humans. I wanted to make a film about humans who happened to be criminals."

Like many underworld figures, Bulger created his own mythology based on his exploits, making it difficult for co-screenwriter Mark Mallouk and Cooper to discern what was true and what wasn't.

"Jimmy Bulger had his version of the truth which was different from (accomplice) Stephen Flemmi's," said the director, "that was different from (henchman) Kevin Weeks and (hitman) John Martorano. I had to determine what was the story I was going to tell … and tell it as accurately as I could from a very emotional place."

It's a hard-edged tale to be sure, fuelled by Bulger's violent and grim behaviour, but Depp found it best not to judge the character.

"I don't think any of us wake up in the morning and say, 'I'm so evil. I'm so horrible,'" Depp said. "I approached James Bulger as a human being, who's multi-faceted and did have a side to him that was human and loving."

Depp's performance and the work of his co-stars Dakota Johnson and Joel Edgerton among others, ensure that Black Mass is a complex study of human behaviour, but hopefully, according to Mallouk, not a glamorous one.

"None of us wanted anyone walking out of the theatre to go, 'I want to be Whitey Bulger,'" said Mallouk. "You feel that way after Scarface or Goodfellas or after The Godfather, and I love those movies, but there is a responsibility to not do that here. It feels more like Donnie Brasco. We did not want to create more fuel for the Whitey Bulger myth."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Black Mass	★★★★
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Dakota goes from Grey to black

CRIME DRAMA

Fifty Shades of Grey lead stars in mob movie Black Mass

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Dakota Johnson plays Lindsey Cyr, the girlfriend of real-life gangster James 'Whitey' Bulger, played by Johnny Depp, in the drama Black Mass. CONTRIBUTED

In Black Mass Dakota Johnson has a high profile role as the steely-but-sweet girlfriend to notorious gangster James "Whitey" Bulger but for much of her life she was simply known as a child of Hollywood, the daughter of Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson.

Despite an acting career that stretches back to 1999 the 25-year-old became a sensation just last year when she landed the lead role in one of the most anticipated films of the decade.

She beat out half of young Hollywood to play Anastasia Steele in the fastest selling R-rated title ever, Fifty Shades of Grey. She bared all, physically and emotionally and became famous enough to have designers create clothes for her and an avalanche of interesting scripts tumble her way.

She'll soon be seen in a Fifty Shades sequel and a remake of the legendary Italian horror film Suspiria.

This week she stars opposite her 21 Jump Street co-star Johnny Depp — they appeared in the 2012 film — as Lindsey Cyr, mother of Bulger's son and the only person in South Boston who would stand up to the infamous killer.

Cyr is still alive but Johnson didn't think it was a good idea to meet with her.

"I feel like it would have been if my goal had been to be extremely accurate but my goal was to bring out a different side of Jimmy. We talked about meeting her but we decided that it would have added a bunch of components. You wouldn't see them. You wouldn't see the stories she was telling because it wasn't part of our story."

Instead she studied footage of the former diner waitress and lawyer's assistant.

"I did as much research as was available to me," she says, "but the majority of the footage I found on her was pretty recent and it was her looking back on her time with Jimmy Bulger.

"Obviously the time that we see them together (in the film) is when she is quite young. A lot of that came from working it out with (director) Scott Cooper and Johnny."

In her most intense scene she stares down and out-manoeuvres the controlling gangster after personal tragedy strikes the couple.

"There was a very heavy atmosphere on set but because Johnny was really not himself, he was a completely different person and because I'm not a mother and have never experienced anything as profoundly devastating as losing a child, I think we both completely slipped away from ourselves. That allowed us to create the scene the way it was."

ON ACTING

Edgerton portrays former FBI agent as a 'bad dude'

Joel Edgerton didn't meet the inspiration for his character in Black Mass, former FBI agent John Connolly. "He's alive and with us, albeit in federal prison and a little hard to reach," said the Australian actor. The real-life Connolly was convicted of racketeering and obstruction of justice charges stemming from his relationship with gangster James "Whitey" Bulger.

"His version of events doesn't line up with our version.... I felt like it was a little unfair to go and visit him in federal prison and say, 'You stay in here while I'm over here making you look like a bad dude.' It felt like it wasn't a very genuine thing to do." RICHARD CROUSE

Joel Edgerton. CONTRIBUTED

Kate Mara stars in Captive, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

TRUE STORY

Captive a tale of compassion

A new film explores the unique connection that formed between two broken people following one of the most terrifying events in Atlanta's recent history: a deadly courthouse shooting rampage.

Brian Nichols overpowered a deputy escorting him to court on March 11, 2005, for his rape trial, took her gun and fatally shot the presiding judge and court reporter and then killed a sheriff's deputy outside the building.

He stole a car and drove to an affluent Atlanta neighbourhood, where he shot and killed an off-duty federal agent.

Ashley Smith was a lonely, widowed meth addict who had repeatedly failed in her attempts to kick drugs and regain custody of her five-year-old daughter.

When she returned from a cigarette run after 2 a.m. March 12, 2005, Nichols forced her into her suburban apartment at gunpoint.

The film Captive, based on Smith's book Unlikely Angel, is set for release today.

The film chronicles the seven hours that followed as Nichols held Smith hostage while a massive manhunt for him was under way.

In the film, Smith — played by Kate Mara — gains the trust of Nichols — played by David Oyelowo — by reading from Rick Warren's bestselling devotional book The Purpose Driven Life, talking about God and family.

"What it boils down to is one day we're all going to stand before God and we're going to have to answer for what we did or did not do," said Smith in a phone interview.

"I guess that's why I was able to see him as a human being instead of just as a monster."

There's no question Nichols was a monster that day, Oyelowo said in a phone interview, but in Nichols' encounter with Smith, "through the humanity that she had and the vulnerability that she had and the way she treated him, somehow the humanity that was in him was able to come to the fore."

That led him to release her and surrender peacefully to police. According to Oyelowo it's the journey of two broken people who come to realize "hope can always be found in the midst of a dark place." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

It's a story about friendship. 'But not in a knickers-shredding sort of way,' Jeremy Irons explained. 'It's a romance of a shared passion.'

The true story of Srinivasa Ramanujan who helped to revolutionize number theory despite growing up in poverty in Madras, India, with no formal education, is singular. The first time I heard his name was in Good Will Hunting, when, over dinner, Professor Gerald Lambeau tries to explain Will's inexplicable math aptitude to his soon-to-be-therapist, Sean. "This Ramanujan, his genius was unparalleled," says Lambeau. "(Will) is just like that."

Ramanujan is no longer a footnote in a Matt Damon movie: He's the subject of a new biopic starring Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons called The Man Who Knew Infinity, which had its world premiere on Thursday night at TIFF.

It's a beautiful film, with sweeping scenes in India, where Ramanujan conjures equations in his dreams, and at Trinity College at Cambridge, where professor G.H. Hardy, played by the inimitable Jeremy Irons, champions him.

Together, they extrapolate math theories and change the course of history. Throw in conflict — of culture, religion and racism — the First World War, romance and tuberculosis and the movie possesses all the trappings of a Hollywood blockbuster.

But it's ultimately a story about friendship. The real Hardy wrote that this was "the only romantic period in his life."

THE MOVIE: The Man Who Knew Infinity

THE MEAL: Heirloom tomatoes with shaved pecorino

"But not in a knickers-shredding sort of way," Jeremy Irons explained. "It's a romance of a shared passion."

The inimitable Academy Award-winning actor was speaking at a dinner with Tina Brown, who has edited the pages of Vanity Fair, the New Yorker and The Daily Beast, which she founded.

After enjoying heirloom tomatoes laced with shaved truffled pecorino, some 150 guests had to choose between entrees of either black cod or beef tenderloin.

After I noticed Irons, Brown and director Deepa Mehta were all eating the cod, I experienced order regret — until I tasted my beef.

What attracted Irons, who happily posed for photos with guests — but no selfies — to the role?

"Pure mathematics is not that different from art," he told Brown on stage after our plates were cleared.

"This is a world like nothing else, so to play a man who is just as enthusiastic (as Ramanujan), who would dream with (him), to have a chance to meet this Indian who, as if by magic, had dreams of mathematics" sold him.

Irons, who turns 67 on Saturday, has portrayed everyone from F. Scott Fitzgerald and Kafka to a pope and Poseidon on film, television and the stage. But which character would he have liked to actually be?

Father Gabriel from 1986's The Mission, a movie with arguably the best filmic score in history. What about Professor Hardy? Brown pressed him. "Yes," he said, "but I'm not made for Cambridge academia."

FASHION WEEK

Beckham and Minnie Mouse do it British style

New York is about to become old news — Fashion Week is now headed to London, where the Spring / Summer 2016 trends are about to hit the city's catwalks.

This season the stylish extravaganza will take place in SoHo. LFW is also launching its very own outdoor cinema and will be livestreaming from the runways.

The city will be crawling with supermodels but Minnie Mouse is set to get most of the attention thanks to the British Fashion Council and Disney exhibition Minnie: Style Icon which runs Sept. 19-20.

And speaking of style icons, the British fashion house Belstaff is set to premiere its new short film Outlaws, produced by Liv Tyler and starring none other than David Beckham, on Sept. 21. AFP

David Beckham GETTY IMAGES

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ACTION & ADVENTURE

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials

Director: Wes Ball
Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario

In this next chapter of the epic Maze Runner saga, Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) and his fellow Gladers face their greatest challenge yet: searching for clues about the mysterious and powerful organization known as WCKD.

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ACTION & ADVENTURE

Everest

Director: Baltasar Kormákur
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin

2 Guns helmer Baltasar Kormakur directs Jake Gyllenhaal, Josh Brolin, Jason Clarke, and John Hawkes in this adventure docudrama set in 1996, when a number of simultaneous expeditions up Mount Everest resulted in the deaths of eight climbers.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 74% Audience: 97%

DRAMA

Black Mass

Director: Scott Cooper
Starring: Johnny Depp, Benedict Cumberbatch

In 1970s South Boston, FBI Agent John Connolly persuades Irish mobster James "Whitey" Bulger (Johnny Depp) to collaborate with the FBI and eliminate a common enemy: the Italian mob. The drama tells the story of this unholy alliance, which spiralled out of control.

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Critics: 83% Audience: 98%

Back to back wins for Serena Williams

RUNWAY REPORT

Her second collection draws fashion heavyweights

Serena Williams says her recent U.S. Open defeat was not a loss, but a win and a learning experience — and that she's happy for the opponent, Roberta Vinci, who derailed her quest for a Grand Slam.

"We should be happy for each other," Williams said in an interview this week after presenting her second collection for her fashion line, the Serena Williams Signature Statement Collection for the HSN network, at a high-profile runway show that drew influential Vogue editor Anna Wintour and other fashion heavyweights — not to mention Drake. "We have to build up each other. We can't be angry."

"I won four Grand Slam (tournaments) in a row, and got to the semis in another one, and I've done that twice," Williams said. "I mean how many people have done that? So it wasn't a loss for me, it was a win and a learning experience. I tried hard. Unfortunately (Vinci) just outplayed me that day ... She probably deserved it, and I am happy for her."

Williams, who won last year's U.S. Open as well as the next three Grand Slam tournaments after that, also said designing was a great break from the pressure of her tennis career. "I love what I do obviously, but I also sometimes need a break from that — and I love fashion," she said. "It's something I have a passion for."

Not that there wasn't also pressure coming from the fashion world. Williams said that this time, she really felt the need to deliver.

Williams, surprised by the attention and positive reviews her first collection garnered, felt the stakes were raised this time around. So she reached out to Wintour, she explained, and told her she was planning a second collection.

"She said, 'Let me help you, let me give you some notes'," Williams recounted. "She was able to mentor me and I was so appreciative of that. She said, 'I loved your first collection, I was so surprised, but how can we take it to the next level?' And I'm all about that!"

Williams' collection — shown to a soundtrack that included several of Drake's songs — had a very contemporary vibe, with lots of fringed leather and suede, in skirts, jackets and dresses. (She herself was wearing a revealing fringed leather skirt that showed tiny short shorts underneath.) Highlights included a sleek, tiered black fringed dress; a black gown with a line of fringe down the back; and a short, deep green bomber jacket.

Faux shearling jacket and drawstring cargo pants shown in Williams' runway collection for HSN. GETTY IMAGES

"Everything that's in our collection will be available right away (online), so we have to be current," Williams said. "Fringe is one of the trends that we set upon. Also, we wanted a vibe that's homey, that's nostalgic, '70s, in terms of the fringe and the suede and the colours, so that really spoke to us."

Williams said that designing comes easily to her.

"It's easy because I went to school for it," she said. "Also, I have the most amazing team, and we work together."

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NY FASHION WEEK

Kanye ranks major

Kanye West's New York Fashion Week presentation united Vogue editor Anna Wintour, Lorde and Kim Kardashian — holding baby North West — in the front row.

West's Yeezy Season 2 collection was launched in four sets: First a de facto drill sergeant entered the stage wearing tan, and yelled, "First row, fall in. Second row, fall in." Others models followed, sporting the same colour and blond ponytails. The leader wore a hoodie. Kim Kardashian and North West matched the models with their own tan ensembles.

The clothes, which ranged from loose jackets to high-waisted pants to tank tops, were monochromatic and generally matched the models skin tone.

The next set, which also featured a model yelling orders, featured army green, followed by deeper brown and then black outfits. Mens pants were loose-fitting. Women wore leggings and bathing suits. Some of the models had baseball caps hiding their eyes.

Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian, Courtney Love, Common, Michael Strahan, Seth Meyers and former Vogue editor-at-large Andre Leon Talley also sat front row, while Jaden Smith, R&B singer Miguel and rapper Pusha T watched from the second.

All the models filed in for the finale, while catwalker and Internet style icon Ian Connor started smoking on the runway.

West appeared, earning loud applause as he walked in between four rows of models.

Earlier this year, when West debuted his Yeezy Boost shoe line for Adidas during Fashion Week, Beyonce, Jay Z, Rihanna and Diddy sat in the front show. At that show, North West made headlines when she cried, but the two-year-old was calm and relaxed for most of West's presentation Wednesday: As she sat on her mother's lap, she said "Mommy" a few times and licked a lollipop.

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West appears during the finale of Yeezy Season 2. GETTY IMAGES

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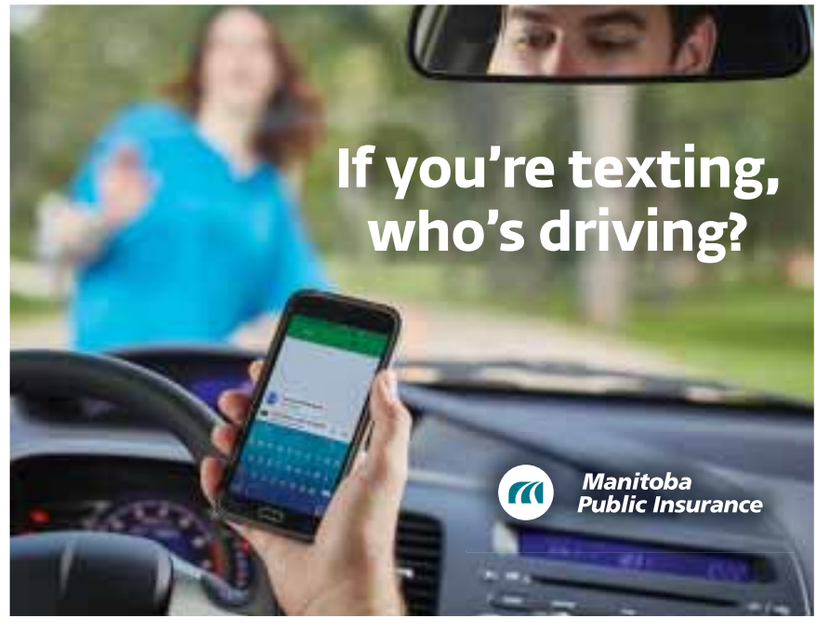

True north strong ... and cheap

BUSINESS

Canucks some of the world's most tight-fisted music fans

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada

Canadians have some pretty great music festivals, like Calgary's Sled Island, but that doesn't seem to make us open our wallets — we spend only $12.92 per person per year on music.
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If you're reading this, chances are you consider yourself to be a reasonably serious and dedicated music fan. That also probably means you spend a non-insignificant amount of money each year on music-related purchases: CDs, downloads, vinyl, streaming subscriptions, concert tickets and so on.

But that's you. And everyone you know is also mad about music, right? From your perspective, Canadians must rock when it comes to being among the best music fans on the planet.

Actually, no. When you ask the question "what does the average Canadian spend annually on music?," the answer you get back is "not much."

According to the latest figures from the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), Canadians are among the cheapest, stingiest and least-valuable music fans in this corner of the galaxy.

Wait. Back up. There are a number of ways a country's music market can be measured. The most common method is to just add up all the money spent on physical and digital music within a territory over the course of the year. When the 2014 figures came in, Canada was ranked seventh in the world with $342.5 million, some $30 million behind sixth place Australia.

That last sentence should alert you to the problem. Canadian per capita spending on music stinks.

Australia's population sits at just over 23 million while Canada has over 35 million. Do the math and we learn the average Aussie drops $21.56 Canadian a year on music. That's regardless of age, economic status, geography, ethnicity or education.

It gets worse when you apply the same criteria elsewhere. Norway is a country with five million citizens and each of them spends an average of $31.27 a year on music, making them the most valuable music fans in the world. That's even better than the all the music nuts in the U.K. ($27.60), CD-mad Japan ($27.37) and Spotify-crazy Sweden ($26.19). The aforementioned Australians rank sixth, the same spot they occupy on the overall music sales rankings.

So where does Canada sit? In the bottom 10 of surveyed nations. According to IFPI stats, Canadians spend just $12.92 per person per year on music. That's it. Only the people of South Korea, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, India and China spend less.

To look at it another way, we're just not pulling our commercial weight for the music business. Why? No clue. Maybe Canada doesn't care as much about music as we'd like to think.

MUSIC BRIEFS

The Weeknd rules the charts

Canadian singer The Weeknd has pulled off the rare feat of topping three premier U.S. charts. His summer hit Can't Feel My Face rose to number one on the Billboard singles chart, while his album, Beauty Behind the Madness, spent a second week at number one. He also topped for the sixth week Billboard's Artist 100, which tracks radio airplay and social media sharing. The Weeknd becomes the second artist after Taylor Swift to top all three Billboard charts simultaneously. AFP

Kid Rock interviewed for jury duty

Kid Rock has been called for jury duty in suburban Detroit. The Detroit Free Press reports the musician was among 160 potential jurors Thursday for a murder trial. Kid Rock, who was born Robert Ritchie and lives in suburban Detroit, read a paperback to pass the time as he waited with other potential jurors.
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Empire's Cookie up for Emmy

TARAJI P. HENSON

A win would be first ever for a black woman in the category

Taraji P. Henson is up against Robin Wright , Claire Danes Viola Davis, Elisabeth Moss and Tatiana Maslany (pictured below) for the outstanding lead actress in a drama series. CONTRIBUTED

Taraji P. Henson says she's honoured to receive the second Emmy nomination of her career for Empire, but she's not letting the feat define her.

"It feels good, but I feel like I've been getting the love all through the years from the fans. You can't wait for Hollywood to say ... you just can't. And I never did," Henson said in a recent interview.

Empire, the top-rated Fox series, helped put Henson's face on more screens than ever this year, thanks to her in-your-face, sassy and hilarious role as Cookie Lyon.

She's nominated for outstanding lead actress in a drama series at Sunday's Emmy Awards, pitting her against Viola Davis, Claire Danes, Elisabeth Moss, Robin Wright and Tatiana Maslany.

"The fact that I am getting nominated, that is amazing ... I am honoured, I am pleased. But what that represents for me is I've touched even more people through my talent, with the gift that God gave me," Henson said. "And that is what matters most to me."

A win for Henson or Davis would make either of them the first black woman to win the top drama acting Emmy.

Henson earned her first Emmy nomination in 2011 for her role in the Lifetime movie Taken From Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story.

She's starred in a number of TV shows and films, from CBS' Person of Interest to Hustle & Flow to the 2001 cult favourite Baby Boy, which regularly airs on BET.

> **She's been in the game for a long time. It is about that time for her to get these nominations and awards that she has always been striving for.**
> Bryshere Yazz Gray

And she was nominated for an Oscar for her role in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, opposite Brad Pitt.

"I'm overjoyed for this girl because I've watched her work so, so hard and just still be amazing. But this is her moment and she deserves it more than anybody because she has always been ... an amazing actress," said Mary J. Blige, Henson's friend who also appeared on Empire.

Bryshere Yazz Gray, who plays Henson's youngest son on Empire, said he was with Henson when she learned about her Emmy nomination.

"She was so happy, and she deserves it, you know, she's been in the game for a long time. It is about that time for her to get these nominations and awards that she has always been striving for," he said.

The anticipated second season of Empire returns Sept. 23. Henson says her character will reveal more about her jail stint.

"You are gonna see what life was like for her, those 17 years she was in prison. You'll just learn a lot more about her backstory, what makes her tick," she said.

"You'll get to see her explore and build relationships with her other two sons, you know, which I think is beautiful," Henson said of her TV sons Hakeem and Andre.

"Because everything she does is for her sons, so I was very adamant about wanting to explore the relationship with the other two boys."

Apart from the Emmys and Empire, Henson is also rejoicing in her personal life: She celebrated her 45th birthday last week.

But did she have cookies or cake?

"Cake. I am Cookie, honey. I was the cookie eating the cake!" she exclaimed.

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TELEVISION

Tatiana Maslany writing acceptance speech just in case

Emmy hopeful Tatiana Maslany faces off against some heavy hitters in the best actress category at this weekend's awards show bash and she's typically modest about the whole affair.

The Regina-bred Orphan Black star said she'll likely prepare an acceptance speech but "just so that I don't panic completely while I'm out there."

"I've never done it in the past and it's not served me well. So we'll see," Maslany said earlier this summer while on holiday.

You can forgive the versatile actress for downplaying her chances. She is undoubtedly the underdog.

Maslany perks up when talk turns to fellow Canadian nominee Semi Chellas, a TV screenwriter up for her work on the final season of Mad Men. Chellas was brought in as a consultant on the next season of Orphan Black.

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The Parisian underground

SEWER MUSEUM

'Everything comes through here,' says guide

Forget Versailles, the Eiffel Tower and French fashion. When you want to be impressed by a marvel of Parisian design head to the Musée des Égouts, a.k.a. the Sewer Museum.

Sure, not everyone gets the appeal of the city's subterranean spectacle.

But, as tour guide Jean-Charles Pintori put it, "They are wrong!"

In fact, it is one of the best places to be on a sizzling Paris summer day. Tucked deep underground, the museum maintains an even temperature, and the ambiance, while a little smelly in parts, is not overwhelming. In some areas, the air is quite fresh and with the artfully lit galleries and exhibits, you almost wouldn't know where you were.

Almost.

Walking past a canal, its dark surface prettily reflecting the glow of tunnel lights, you may see tiny bubbles popping on the surface, creating an effervescent sparkle — this is escaping methane gas.

Exhibits trace the history of Parisian sewage from the Middle Ages, when streets had drains for wastewater in the middle, to the current incarnation, which got a major overhaul in the mid-19th century under the supervision of city planner extraordinaire Baron Haussmann and engineer Eugène Belgrand.

The current system is unusual in that it also includes conduits for drinking water, handles rain runoff and houses telecommunications cables.

Displays of equipment, some antique, some current, show the tools used to keep the tunnels clear — workers remove about 15,000 cubic metres of solid waste per year.

It's a tough job. Still, there are some families who have worked in the sewers for generations and are proud of their public service. Most are men but there are about a half-dozen women.

Writer Victor Hugo called the sewers "that wonderful underground city" and used them as the setting for Jean Valjean's dramatic rescue of Marius in Les Misérables. You'll find a picture of the rescue in a corner of the museum along with a map showing the sewers as they were at the time the novel is set.

People aren't the only creatures travelling these tunnels, as a glass case full of stuffed rats indicates. There's also a display of antique swords — apparently at some point, someone somewhere tossed them and into the gutters they went. As Pintori pointed out, the sewers are "the intestines of Paris. Everything comes through here."

Modern-day Parisians are more likely to lose keys than fencing foils down storm drains. If that happens, there's a number you can call to ask a worker to go look for your lost possessions. Officials report they perform anywhere up to 3,000 such operations per year with an 80 per cent success rate.

Like all good museum tours, this one ends at the gift shop where you can buy mementoes of your visit including stuffed (toy) rats.

Unlike most museum tours, departing visitors are admonished to wash their hands, to ensure they leave with nothing but memories.

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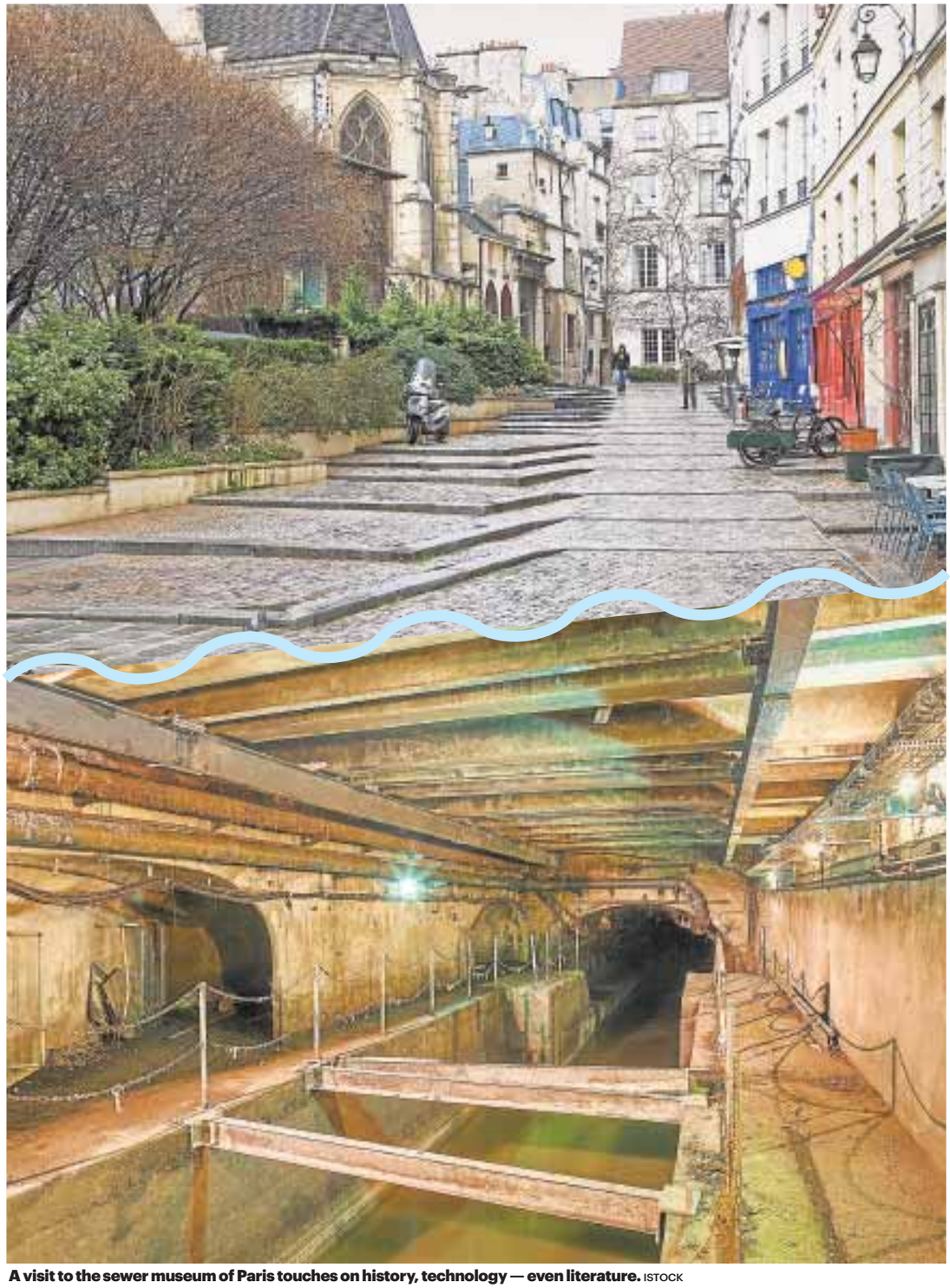
IF YOU GO

The sewer museum of Paris is near the Pont d'Alma and opposite 93 Quai d'Orsay. Open Saturday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (until 6 p.m. through Sept. 30). Tickets are sold until one hour before closing. Admission: 4.40 euros (about $6.60). Guided tours are highly recommended but reservations are required.

ONLINE

For more information go to en.parisinfo.com/paris-museum-monument/71499/Musee-des-gouts



A visit to the sewer museum of Paris touches on history, technology — even literature. ISTOCK

ON THE MOVE

Best getaways for fall foliage

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Leaf peepers, take note! For the next six weeks the autumn colours will be at their glorious best and fabulous getaways are waiting across the country.

Colourful Cabot Trail

Nova Scotia's Cabot Trail is a spectacular drive year-round, but in the fall it's at its best. The incredible ocean vistas never change but the maples and birches that blanket the highlands are exploding in vibrant colour. Pack a lunch and eat in one of the national parks' picnic spots to savour these last days of warm weather.

Consider going in mid-October and catch part of the 17th Celtic Colours Festival. Running from Oct. 9 through 17 this annual event features community dinners, shows and 47 concerts with local Celtic and international musicians.

Ontario's shifting landscape

One of Ontario's great fall drives is between the city of Sault Ste. Marie and the town of Wawa. Lake Superior Provincial Park, which inspired the Group of Seven painters, marks the transition point between a Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest of sugar maple, red maple and yellow birch and a boreal forest dominated by evergreens.

Fall in Algonquin Park in Ontario. ONTARIO PARKS

If you want to stretch your legs, hike a section of the 65-kilometre Coastal Trail. If you are heading elsewhere in the province check out ontariotravel.net for live updates on the fall colour report.

Toast the season in B.C.

For those who enjoy the odd sip, the annual Fall Okanagan Wine Festival in British Columbia is set to run from Oct. 1 through 11. Crowds will gather to pair cheese with favoured pours, sample menus courtesy of young Okanagan chefs and challenge their taste buds during a host of blind taste tests all amidst the splendour of the autumnal harvest.

Choir al fresco

Should you prefer to raise your voice versus a glass, the first Come All Ye community singing experience is taking place in Trinity, N.L., from Oct. 2 to 7. The five-day choral workshop is aimed at people who share a love of singing, even if you have never performed publicly.

The program will comprise morning and late afternoon rehearsals with free time to hike stunning trails, visit nearby villages, photograph or simply relax. The choir will come together singing traditional folk, light classical and spirituals, and the whole experience will culminate with a concert by the group at the historic Garrick Theatre in nearby Bonavista. The package is being offered by Maxxim Vacations.

See what's new and classic in Seattle

A balloon vendor sets up shop next to the Space Needle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

WASHINGTON

Visit the gum wall, ride the Great Wheel in seaport city

It doesn't always rain in Seattle, despite its reputation, so pack sunglasses for your next visit, and be sure to catch new attractions like the Great Wheel along with classics like the chewing gum wall.

What's new

Seattle's newest attraction is the Great Wheel on the waterfront, near the Pike Place Market, with 42 enclosed gondolas that turn on a giant wheel. It's pricey for a 15-to-20-minute experience at $13 for adults and $8.50 for ages four to 11. But you do get a nice view of the Puget Sound and the city, and it's a good spot for vacation selfies.

One of the city's other relatively new attractions is the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit at Seattle Center, showcasing the work of Dale Chihuly, a native of the state of Washington known for his colourful, other-worldly glass creations. The museum is right next door to the Space Needle, Seattle's famous observation tower, so most tourists will come to the neighbourhood anyway. And the attached Collections Café is fun, offering a look at the artist's personal collections of everything from ceramic dogs to bottle openers.

Some adult visitors will enjoy a stop at one of Seattle's new recreational marijuana shops, but be warned that public smoking is outlawed. Seattle police would love to give you a special souvenir of your visit if you light up in a city park.

Classic attractions

Few people visit Seattle without stopping by the Pike Place Market, a mishmash of flower sellers, craft tables, restaurants, fish shops and lots and lots of people. If you have kids, don't miss Rachel the pig, near the corner where fishmongers play catch with salmon, and around the corner from the must-see gum wall, covered with wads of chewed gum. Ick factor aside, elsewhere there are some beautiful places in the market to relax with a glass of wine and enjoy the view, including The Pink Door and Café Campagne.

BALLARD

The neighbourhood of Ballard, which used to be its own city, is filled with some of Seattle's newest breweries, hip restaurants, little shops and rock music venues. Ballard has a nice Sunday market, but outdoor markets can be found all over town on the weekends.

The Space Needle is always a good bet. The Seattle Center attraction built for the 1962 World's Fair offers a 360-degree view of Seattle. New high-tech offerings make it possible to experience the view even when the sky is grey or take a quick virtual trip to some other Seattle attractions, like the market or the soccer field.

Seattle Center is also home to the EMP (Experience Music Project) Museum, filled with music history, instruments you can actually play, and Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's awesome science-fiction collection. Through Oct. 4, the museum is exhibiting costumes from both Star Wars trilogies.

Another fun stop for families and history enthusiasts is Seattle's Underground Tour below the Pioneer Square neighbourhood. Learn true and nearly true facts about Seattle history, and you might even see a ghost.

Tips

For a free view and some exercise, walk up Queen Anne hill just north of downtown and visit Kerry Park. A series of hidden stairways will take you most of the way up.

Other gorgeous views can be had by walking on a ferry from the Seattle waterfront or taking a stroll in the Seattle Art Museum's sculpture garden on Elliott Bay.

If you have a car, drive an hour out of town to go hiking in the Cascade Range or drive a shorter distance to take an in-city hike at Discovery Park in the Magnolia neighbourhood or Golden Gardens in Ballard.

Seattle is full of weird and wonderful museums that don't make most tourist lists: from the Living Computer Museum to the Seattle Pinball Museum, The Museum of History and Industry and the Dialysis Museum at the Northwest Kidney Center.

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EIGHT U.S. STATES

Trip on historic highway is all about journey, not destination

André Proulx
For Metro Canada

A route much travelled

Route 66 doesn't really exist anymore. The highway that originally connected Chicago to Los Angeles has long since been replaced by interstate highways. But, there are grassroots groups in every state Route 66 ran through that are keeping the spirit of the old highway alive.

While it's obvious that the start and the end of the highway are major tourist draws, for those wanting to experience the open road, the destinations in between are worth the drive.

Doing Route 66 is definitely for those who enjoy sitting down for long periods of time. The highway will take you through eight states (Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California) and a variety of landscapes.

Here are a few suggestions on where to stop along the way.

Cuba, Missouri

When you drive off the interstate you will be travelling on one of the original stretches of Route 66 through Cuba, Mo.

Spend a night at the Wagon Wheel Motel, which opened in 1938 and was around during the height of the highway's popularity. Current owner Connie Echols purchased the property in 2009 and has restored it to a very comfortable motel.

Next to the Wagon Wheel is Missouri Hicks. Its meats are smoked to perfection, served dry with your choice of sauces available on the table. Ribs are the most popular thing on the menu but my pick was the brisket.

The Cadillac Ranch is covered with years of graffiti from years of Route 66 travellers who have an artistic inclination.

The Big Texan in Amarillo is home of the 72-oz steak challenge.
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Amarillo, Texas

Amarillo is a noteworthy stop because of the Big Texan. Opened in the 1960s, it is home to the 72-oz steak challenge: If you eat a 72-oz steak (that's 4 1/2 lbs of meat!), a shrimp cocktail, a baked potato, salad and dinner roll in one hour, your meal is free. I watched six poor souls attempt it and none succeed.

On the surface, the Big Texan looks like a tourist trap, but once inside it has a welcoming kitschy atmosphere that is infectious. It doesn't hurt that the food and in-house-made beer is great. The Big Texan also runs a motel where a room with two double beds cost $100 US.

Driving out of Amarillo there is an interesting art installation called the Cadillac Ranch, which is a series of old Caddies buried in a field with only the back halves sticking out.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

For a Canadian used to trees and plains, the landscape of the New Mexico desert is fascinating.

I stopped in Albuquerque for lunch at Taqueria Mexico. I can still taste the burrito I ordered in my dreams. When I was there the restaurant was always busy with limited seating. It does have a takeout window if you're just flying through the town.

Williams, Arizona

Williams is at the Junction of Route 66 and Arizona Highway 64 — which takes you to the Grand Canyon. We've all seen photos of the Grand Canyon, but they don't do it justice. Watching the sun creep over the western lip of the canyon is breathtaking.

The downtown strip in Williams is a trip back in time. Neon signs hang above diners with vinyl seats and stools bolted to the ground just like you'd imagine finding in the 1960s.

I spent the night at the Canyon Motel and RV park where you can stay in a train car they have converted into rooms. The regular motel rooms were built in the 1940s.

On your last stretch of highway between Arizona and California you'll want to make sure your air conditioning is working because you are driving through the sweltering Mojave desert. I made the drive in early August and the temperature outside reached 42 C.

By the time the desert hits your rearview mirror you will nearly be in Los Angeles. But let's face it — you'll still be thinking about that 4-1/2-lb steak you should have tried back in Amarillo.

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Commissioner Gary Bettman says, "the entertainment value of the game has never been better" as NHL camps opened

Murray now just another 'faceless' foe for Cowboys

NFL

Dallas won't be sentimental about old star in Philadelphia

Jason Witten glared at reporters, mostly out of determination and not anger because the affable Dallas tight end was trying to make a point about facing former teammate DeMarco Murray for the first time.

Never mind that Murray helped redefine the Cowboys' offence while leading the NFL in rushing for a playoff team and breaking Emmitt Smith's franchise record with a league-best 1,845 yards. That's so last year. And so last team, after Murray took big money from NFC East rival Philadelphia in free agency.

"There is no reunion to this deal," Witten said of Dallas' game Sunday at the Eagles (0-1). "Let's not make it bigger than what it is. It happens all the time in the NFL. Let's go on. We're going up there to win a football game."

One of coach Jason Garrett's pet sayings is "nameless, faceless opponents," and a mannequin with a jersey and football pants made a rare showing in a hallway near the locker room this week.

Philadelphia's DeMarco Murray left the Dallas Cowboys — where he broke Emmitt Smith's franchise record — last year as a free agent for a big money offer. JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was positioned so that players could see it entering and exiting team headquarters. Garrett flatly rejected the idea that was a special appearance for the faceless figure with a white No. 55 jersey — no name on the back, of course. A team spokesman further explained that the mannequin accompanied the team to training camp in California.

"Uh, it's been, uh, around a long time, the nameless, faceless opponent," Garrett said. "It has nothing to do with this week. It has something to do with every week."

This week or otherwise, the Cowboys (1-0) are getting the message. "He's a good back, a good downhill runner, a guy that had a lot of success here in this locker room," cornerback Brandon Carr said. "He's on the other side of the field. We take it as a nameless, faceless opponent and we're going to get after these guys and do our job."

There's that phrase again, prompting a question for Carr about the mannequin.

"The mannequin," he said. "Yeah, nameless, faceless mannequin. The mannequin."

Sound automated? Check out defensive end Jeremy Mincey, who was asked if he would seek out Murray for a pre-game handshake.

"I've got to be a programmed robot before the game starts so I'll probably stay in this week," Mincey said.

Murray was equally dismissive as the obvious choice by Dallas reporters for their weekly conference call with one of the opposing players.

He used the word "normal" three times in the first three questions, and joined his former teammates in rejecting the idea that it was a difficult off-season on both sides of the decision to turn down less money for the $42 million, five-year contract he got from the Eagles.

"Outside of football, they're friends and I respect the decision they made," Murray said. "I'm sure they respect the decision I made, but I moved on. I'm sure they moved on."

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> **There is no reunion to this deal. Let's not make it bigger than what it is. It happens all the time in the NFL.** Jason Witten of Dallas' upcoming game with Philadelphia

Chicago Blackhawks' Patrick Kane THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS

Kane addresses media

Speaking publicly for the first time since he became the subject of a sexual assault investigation, Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane said Thursday he has done nothing wrong and expects to be exonerated.

Kane is accused of assaulting a woman in her 20s in August at his off-season home outside Buffalo, N.Y., a person familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because police have not revealed details of the case. Kane has not been charged, but the investigation has shadowed the Stanley Cup champions for weeks.

"I cannot apologize enough for the distraction this has caused my family, teammates, this incredible organization and, of course, our fans," said Kane. "I am confident once all the facts are brought to light I will be absolved of having done (anything) wrong."

Kane deflected several questions that got anywhere close to the ongoing investigation.

"I know you guys have a lot of questions," Kane said at one point. "I'd love to answer them.... This just isn't the right time to do it, with my respect, the Blackhawks' respect for the legal process and what's going on, I really can't comment about that right now."

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NFL

Pierre-Paul's injury not a pretty picture

New photos show the severity of the injury to New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul's right hand, clearly showing his index finger mostly missing and his thumb and middle finger also damaged.

The New York Daily News posted a photograph on Thursday showing Pierre-Paul without a bandage over his hand.

It appeared that almost all of his index finger was missing. Paul still had small bandages on his thumb and middle finger.

Jason Pierre-Paul GETTY IMAGES

Part of his thumb appeared to be missing. The two-time Pro Bowler missed all of training camp after the Fourth of July fireworks accident.

He allowed the team to examine his injured hand earlier this month, and the Giants declared that he wasn't ready to play. He remains unsigned and is not being paid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Injured Jones to face Giants

Julio Jones vows his sore right hamstring is no cause for alarm.

The two-time Atlanta Pro Bowl receiver missed practice Thursday for the second straight day, but promises to be in the starting lineup when the Falcons (1-0) visit the New York Giants (0-1). Coach Dan Quinn added there's "zero" chance Jones will miss the game. That's good news for the Falcons as Jones one of the NFL's elite players at his position. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Panther Huberdeau paid for his patience

Jonathan Huberdeau's holdout ended before it started, and the Florida Panthers' leading scorer from last season is back just in time for training camp.

The Panthers signed Huberdeau to a two-year, $6.5 million deal Thursday, one day before the team's first on-ice session of camp. The deal was announced in the morning and Huberdeau — a left wing who was working out in Montreal to get ready for the season — was in South Florida by mid-afternoon to complete his physical and get things finalized.

Jonathan Huberdeau GETTY IMAGES

"Fantastic," Panthers general manager Dale Tallon said. "I'm real happy for Huby and real happy for our team. It's good to have everything settled. Sometimes it takes longer than others but I was confident we'd get it done."

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Ardron out against Ireland

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Injured captain not alone in missing game

Captain Tyler Ardron, nursing a knee injury, will miss Canada's Rugby World Cup opener Saturday against Ireland.

Veteran forward Jamie Cudmore, in his fourth Rugby World Cup, will captain 18th-ranked Canada against No. 6 Ireland in Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

Ardron has not played since injuring his medial collateral ligament July 29 against Samoa in Toronto in Pacific Nations Cup play.

"It's very close but it's just not worth the risk at this stage," Canadian coach Kieran Crowley said after announcing his lineup Thursday at a news conference in Swansea. "We want him for the rest of the tournament as well. He'll definitely be available for next week's selection but it's just come two or three days too early for him for this particular one."

Canada's next game is Sept. 26 against No. 14 Italy in Leeds, England.

The Canadians are kicking off the tournament with a bang. Ireland was ranked as high as No. 2 in the world at the end of August. Crowley, who was told there were only 500 tickets left at the 74,500-capacity stadium, calls it a massive challenge.

"They've selected a very strong team," he said of Ireland. "Probably close to their top team on paper, so they'll want to get their campaign off on the right foot.

"We've just got to go out there and look to have a good set platform and look to try and put our game on the field."

Sky Bet has Ireland as a 1-750 favourite to win, meaning a $100 bet will return 13 cents in profit. Canada is a 66-1 underdog, with a $100 bet netting you $6,600.

Fullback Harry Jones also misses out on the Ireland game, recovering from a shoulder injury suffered in a warmup game against Fiji.

"He is recovering OK. We expect him to be available for selection next week as well," Crowley said.

The 20-team tournament opens Friday when host England, ranked fourth in the world, plays No. 9 Fiji at Twickenham.

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ROSTER NOTES

On the sidelines

James Pritchard had hoped to be kicking in his fourth Rugby World Cup for Canada on Saturday in its tournament opener against Ireland in Cardiff.

Instead Canada's all-time scoring leader, deemed surplus to requirements, will be cheering his teammates on.

He is not alone. Winger Taylor Paris (knee) and props Jason Marshall (rib) and Tom Dolezel were denied by injury.

The 36-year-old Pritchard was not picked for this tournament — the victim of a deep roster.

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Canada centre Tyler Ardron was able to train this week in Swansea, Wales, but won't be ready for Saturday's Rugby World Cup opener against Ireland. DAMIEN MEYER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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OMG: ANTIBACTERIAL SOAP ISN'T THAT TOUGH ON GERMS

Antibacterial hand soaps containing a chemical flagged as potentially dangerous are not much better at killing germs than regular suds, researchers said Wednesday.

The chemical, triclosan, was long one of the commonest ingredients in antibacterial soaps, which are used by millions of people and generate $1 billion in sales annually in the United States alone, experts say.

But studies have linked it to antibiotic resistance and hormone problems, prompting a safety review by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that may yet lead to restrictions.

Now a study in the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy reports that when it comes to normal handwashing, there is "no significant difference" between the bactericidal effects of plain soap and antibacterial soap.

The agent only became effective after microbes had been steeped in the stuff for nine hours, the authors found.

"At times less than six hours there was little difference between the two (soaps)," the researchers wrote of their tests.

They found no "significant" difference between antibacterial and normal soap, and decided to see if soaking would yield a different outcome.

The triclosan-containing soap "performed significantly better after nine hours of exposure," they found — a rather long period for washing one's hands.

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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A relationship may be going through a rough patch but there is nothing to worry about. Even so, you could make things easier for yourself by not giving them the impression you don't care, when you really do.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today a work colleague will move at their own speed — and that's dead slow. Don't bother losing your temper. Grit your teeth and bear it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your priority must be to get out into the world and do what Geminis do best — have fun. Career and money worries can be left until another day, or another week, or another month. Leave them for another year!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There will always be good days and bad days but there will be a lot more of the former if you change the way you assess what is "good" and what is "bad."

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
However difficult your current situation may be you will handle it with ease. Whatever you have to face, today or any other day, is what you are meant to face.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What happened in the past is irrelevant to your present situation — in fact it's a waste of time even thinking about it. Look back only to learn a lesson or two, then look forward and start moving forward too.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no reason why you should beat yourself up. If you indulge your emotions too much you may lose sight of all the good things you have to be thankful for.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something that made perfect sense a short while ago now seems to make no sense. Don't worry about it. A day or two from now you will have forgotten why you thought it was so important.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have strong views on controversial topics but the planets warn this is not the right time to make an issue of them. Wait until the Sun moves in your favor on the 23rd.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be having fun but consider the consequences which could arise from some of your impulsive actions. Think about what you are doing and why then tone down your act a bit.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The answers you seek are easily found, but only if you ask the right questions in the right way. You're an Aquarius, so think, speak and act big.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The best way to deal with a negative situation is to ignore it. No, really. The more you focus on what's going wrong the longer it will stick around, so starve it of the oxygen of attention and see how fast it shrinks in importance.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 18 minutes
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Ingredients
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 1/2 cups chopped baby kale
- 1/4 cup finely diced sun-dried tomatoes (rehydrated)
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Topping
- 1 cup panko crumbs
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp olive oil

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. In a hot skillet, add oil, onion and garlic and sauté for three minutes. Add kale and sauté until wilted. Add sun-dried tomatoes and feta cheese.
3. Split each chicken breast horizontally but not all the way through. Open like a book. Place in baking dish. Divide filling over top and close breast.
4. In a small skillet add panko, Parmesan and olive oil and sauté for one minute. Sprinkle panko over top chicken. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until temperature reaches 160 F.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 374
- Protein 35 g
- Carbohydrates 25 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Total fat 14.4 g
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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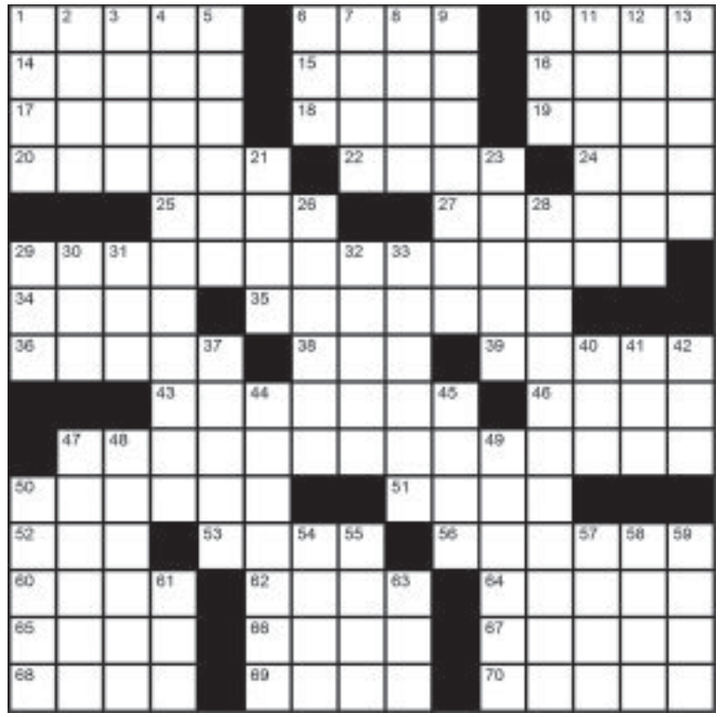

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1. Become a perished perishable
6. Formed
10. Scary movie hazes
14. ABBA musical, _ Mia!
15. Tel _, Israel
16. Annoying kid
17. Not suitable
18. Seedy joint
19. Comic actor Eric
20. Switzerland city
22. Wrapped garment
24. Model/actress Carol
25. Peel
27. Covets
29. For her multi-character work on "Orphan Black", Canadian actress up for an Emmy this weekend: 2 wds.
34. Audiences might react with "Brava!" upon hearing one
35. Suffer through the humidity
36. Old Rome's 1951
38. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
39. Mom of Melanie of movies
43. La Seigneurie de l'Ile d'_ (Botanical oasis in Quebec)
46. 'Switch' suffix
47. As an example in Nova Scotia... Antigonish, because of St. Francis Xavier: 2 wds.
50. Trotsky's exiler
51. Chop _
52. River in Asia, _ Darya
53. Virtually, in verse
56. Sprint Cup Series org.
60. Pink, in Madrid
62. Flair
64. Be sparkly
65. "Hold on _ _!" (Wait!)
66. _ contendere (Court plea)
67. Comedian Ms. Fields (b.1930 - d.1978)
68. Stick around
69. Deuces
70. Sty slop

DOWN
1. Self-satisfied
2. Window piece
3. Sultanate of the Arabian Peninsula
4. Canadian petroleum company founded in 1880: 2 wds.
5. Riga's realm
6. Angry
7. Car rental company
8. Prima donna
9. New mountain climbing movie based on a true story
10. 'Most Wanted' org.
11. Decree
12. Ship's kitchen
13. Lets it stand (Proofreading term)
21. TV pundit Ms. Coulter's
23. Bay
26. "Mork & Mindy" star Pam
28. "America's Got Talent", basically: 2 wds.
29. Glasgow topper
30. Electrical discharge
31. Faith's country honey
32. Ms. Suvari's
33. Ms. Morissette
37. Canadiens coach Dick in "The Rocket" (2005)
40. _ rata
41. Black Eyed Peas chart-topper: "Boom Boom _"
42. Particle
44. Soft
45. Stupefy
47. Greatest extent
48. Feeling-ill state
49. Bakery supplies
50. Gilbert and Rue
54. Spa facial benefit
55. Angel's crown
57. _ Field (NY Mets ballpark)
58. Indigo dye
59. Spin
61. 'Fall' or 'Leg' suffix
63. Li'l thingies on telephone keypads

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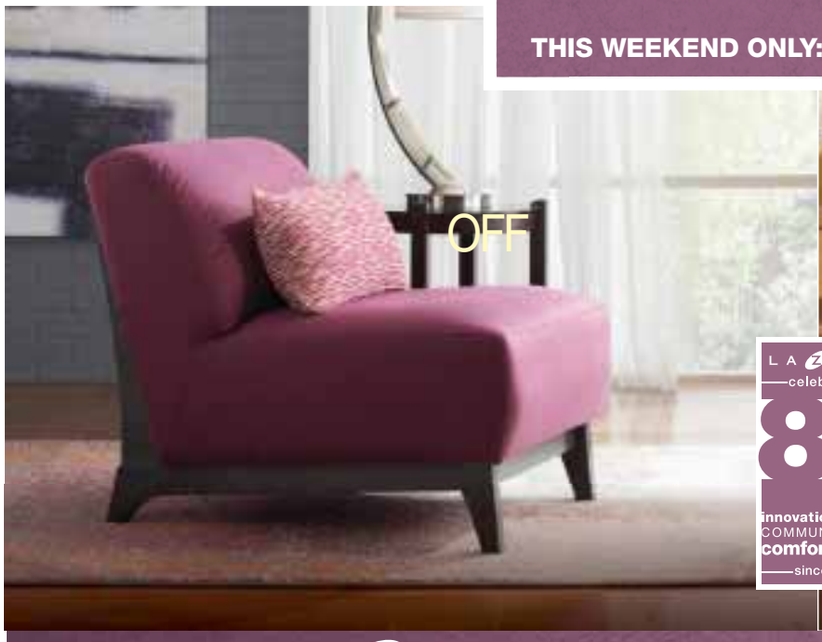

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